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SUBJECT:IMET PROGRAM FOR SENEGAL

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1. WE HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO OFFICIAL
REQUESTS FROM GOS FOR IMET TRAINING FOR FY 1978-79 TOTALING
ABOUT \$1.1 MILLION (REF A) AND FOR CONTINUATION OF IMET-
FUNDED IN-COUNTRY ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM BEYOND
THE EXPIRATION OF TOUR OF PRESENT USG INSTRUCTOR IN
SEPTEMBER 1977 (REF C). REF B CONVEYED OUR WILLINGNESS
TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN FY 77 ONLY IN ORDER TO
BEGIN THE TRANSITION TOWARD PROVIDING UNDER IMET PRO-
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FESSIONAL MILITARY TRAINING IN THE US FOR SELECTED
SENEGALESE MILITARY OFFICERS AND NOTED THAT WITH IMPENDING
CONGRESSIONAL CUT IN WORLDWIDE IMET PROGRAM IT SEEMS
HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT FULL \$50,000 BEING REQUESTED FOR
SENEGAL FOR FY 1978 WOULD ACTUALLY BECOME AVAILABLE.

2. IN VIEW OF THE (A) MARKED SUCCESS OF THE IN-COUNTRY

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM IN SENEGAL, (B) INAPPROPRIATENESS
OF USING IMET FUNDS OVER A SUSTAINED PERIOD SOLELY FOR
ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING, (C) THE OFFICIAL REQUEST OF GOS

FOR PROFESSIONAL MILITARY TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES
UNDER IMET, AND (D) THE ANTICIPATED CUT IN WORLDWIDE
IMET FUNDS FOR FY 1978, WE BELIEVE THAT ALL AVAILABLE
IMET FUNDS FOR SENEGAL SHOULD HENCEFORTH FOCUS ON
PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN CONUS.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD THEREFORE INFORM GOS AT APPROPRIATE
LEVEL THAT AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF RECENT GOS
REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL MILITARY TRAINING IN THE US AND
IN LIGHT OF FUNDING STRINGENCIES, USG IS NOT PREPARED
TO CONTINUE IMET FUNDING OF IN-COUNTRY ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TRAINING BEYOND FY 1977. ON OTHER HAND, EMBASSY SHOULD
CONVEY TO GOS OUR INTEREST IN PROVIDING THE MAXIMUM
AMOUNT OF PROFESSIONAL MILITARY TRAINING WITHIN AVAILABLE
IMET FUNDS, INCLUDING, WHEN REQUIRED, ENGLISH LANGUAGE
COURSES IN CONUS PRIOR TO STUDENT ENTERING PROFESSIONAL
COURSES. DISCONTINUANCE OF IMET-FUNDING FOR ENGLISH
LANGUAGE TRAINING IN SENEGAL WILL NOT RESULT IN A
REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF IMET FUNDS BUDGETED FOR
SENEGAL ALTHOUGH, AS NOTED ABOVE, IMPENDING CON-
GRESSIONAL CUT IN FY 1978 IMET FUNDS WILL LIKELY PRECLUDE
OUR BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE ENTIRE \$50,000 BEING REQUESTED
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FROM CONGRESS FOR SENEGAL.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE PRESENT ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TRAINING DIRECTOR MAY REMAIN IN SENEGAL UNTIL SEPTEMBER
1977 WHEN HIS TOUR IS COMPLETED.

5. WITH REGARD TO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING
LABORATORY AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, REQUEST YOU ADVISE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WHETHER GOS DESIRES TO RETAIN
LABORATORY OR WILL DECLARE IT EXCESS TO GOS NEEDS.

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